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SUBJECT:SEIZURE OF COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT-OWNED VESSEL

REF: BOGOTA 9260

1. M/S TAIRONA PRESENTLY UNDER SEIZURE ORDER FILED WITH U.S. DISTRICT COURT IN HOUSTON, TEXAS 19 SEPTEMBER 1974 BY ROBERT A. FELTNER OF HOUSTON, ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF THOMAS GONZALEZ, INC. OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. PLAINTIFF IN COURT ACTION ON 20 SEPTEMBER FILED FOR 100,000 DOLLARS IN DAMAGES. VESSEL DOCKED AT HOUSTON CITY DOCK 27 UNDER THE GUARD OF DANNER INCORPORATED OF GALVESTON, TEXAS. SHIP WAS TOWED INTO PORT BECAUSE OF ENGINEERING DIFFICULTIES AND TODD REPAIR FACILITIES WILL NOT COMMENCE NEEDED SHIP REPAIRS UNTIL SEIZURE ORDER RESOLVED.

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2. SEIZURE WAS MADE TO RECOVER CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO CARGO

OF BEANS. THOMAS GONZALEZ CORPORATION SOLD CARGO'S BILL OF LADING TO BANK IN COSTA RICA, BUT RETAINED RISK FOR CARGO. SHIPMENT REPORTEDLY INSURED BY THE U.S. FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

3. NAVENAL HAS RETAINED MR. KEN KUYKENDALL OF THE FIRM OF ROYSTON, RAYZOR, COOK, AND VICKERY OF HOUSTON AS THEIR ATTORNEY.

4. U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE IN HOUSTON HEARD ARGUMENTS FOR BOTH PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT ON 20 SEPTEMBER 1974, AND IS NOW SCHEDULED ON 28 OCTOBER TO RULE WHETHER OR NOT TO ORDER SALE OF SUBJECT VESSEL IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM. INGERSOLL

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